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U of M Crookston First to Participate in New USGA Education Program

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U of M, Crookston Turf Club Members Become First Students to Take Advantage of USGA Live Meeting Offerings

CROOKSTON, Minn. (February 19, 2007) – Members of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Turf Club were the first university students to experience a live United States Golf Association (USGA) educational seminar on golf course putting greens construction via the Web thanks to the USGA purchase of Microsoft Live Meeting. The presentation was made by Jim Moore, director of the USGA Green Section Construction Education Program, who lives outside of Waco, Tex.

Over the years, Moore has spoken to numerous turfgrass classes as well as turf clubs, however, he does not have the time to visit or share his knowledge with students on all campuses across the country. With the Webcasting tool, Live Meeting, the USGA Green Section staff is now able to present to audiences via the Internet. Moore spoke with the UMC Turf Club members for almost 2 hours in mid February on the history, theory and construction of golf course putting greens.

UMC Golf & Turf Management Program Director Rob Golembiewski said, "The presentation was a unique opportunity for students to interact and learn first hand from a member of the USGA Green Section staff that they otherwise would never be able to experience while attending the University of Minnesota, Crookston."

The presentation was so well received by the students that an additional seminar is being scheduled for later this semester. For more information, contact Rob Golembiewski of UMC's Natural Resources Department at 218-281-8116.

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